

BARNES ESTATE, STORAGE BUILDING
South side of U.S. Route 40 between
Fairchance and Buttermilk Roads
Hopwood
Fayette County
Pennsylvania

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USGS Brownfield, Pennsylvania Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 17.611340.4413920

Significance: The storage building is a contributing resource of the Barnes Estate, an early twentieth century property recommended eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation.

Description: The storage building, situated c. 240 feet south of the residence, is a one story brick building. Measuring 38 feet by 28 feet, it is built on a poured concrete foundation and is capped by a steeply pitched, gabled roof, sheathed in slate. A small wood framed lantern with louvered lights rises centrally astride the ridge. A shaped wood cornice with dentil course encircles the roof and encloses either gable end. Breaking through the cornice at the midpoint of each side opposite the gable ends is a curvilinear facade gable, capped by a stone coping. Each facade gable end is ornamented by a blind oculus with a brick and stone surround. Corners of the building are enframed by brick quoins. Each facade is organized into three bays. The southwest facade contains three vehicular bays with semicircular stone voussoirs. The central bay is somewhat narrower than the other two. Each bay is fitted with an overhead door, made of corrugated metal. These doors are likely to have replaced original panelled wood doors. The northeast facade contains a central blind window with a stone lintel and concrete sill, flanked on either side by a double sliding sash window with wood frame, semi-circular stone voussoirs, and concrete sill. The northwest facade contains a central blind oval window, flanked (on the left) by a single one over one sliding sash window with wood frame, segmentally arched brick lintel, keystone, and concrete sill and (on the right) by a single pedestrian doorway with segmentally arched brick lintel and keystone. The doorway is fitted with a panelled wood door. The southeast facade contains a central blind oval window, flanked on either side by a single one over one sliding sash window with wood frame, segmentally arched brick lintel, keystone, and concrete sill.

The interior consists of a single space capped by a pressed metal coved ceiling, painted green. Exposed brick walls are lined with a vertical matchboard wainscot. The space has a poured concrete floor, interrupted at the northwest end by a rectangular concrete-lined pit, c. four feet in depth. Presumably, this pit was used for vehicle maintenance.

History: The storage building, based on stylistic evidence, appears to have been built during the 1920s, concurrently with the nearby generator house. The storage building is a typical expression of early twentieth century residential design. The use of red brick construction, a steeply pitched slate roof, closed gable ends, a classical cornice, quoins, arched surrounds, and curvilinear facade gables recalls the English colonial country houses

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of the Middle Atlantic region (mid-seventeenth to late eighteenth centuries). The earliest documentary evidence (1936) of the storage building may have been a mortgage reference to "a 4-car brick garage." It is unknown when the building's function changed from garage to storage. The building was vacated in October 1990.

Sources:

Fayette County Mortgages 218:120-121

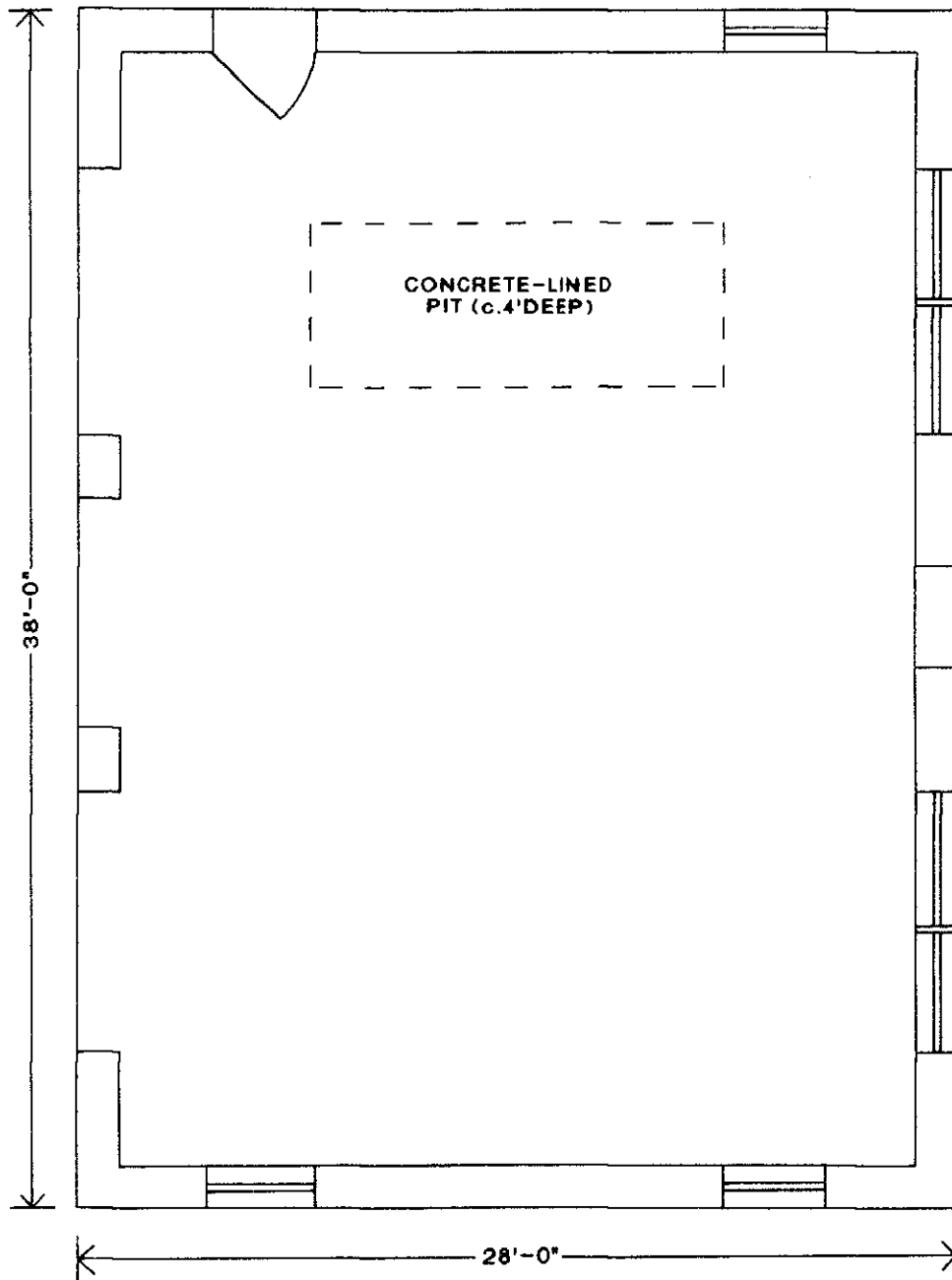
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Floor Plan**